

# APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE CONGRESSIONAL-EXECUTIVE COMMISSION ON THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 6913, and the order of the House of January 6, 2009, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China:

Mr. LEVIN, Michigan, Co-Chairman  
 Ms. KAPTUR, Ohio  
 Mr. HONDA, California  
 Mr. WALZ, Minnesota  
 Mr. WU, Oregon  
 Mr. SMITH, New Jersey  
 Mr. MANZULLO, Illinois  
 Mr. ROYCE, California  
 Mr. PITTS, Pennsylvania

## COMMUNICATION FROM THE REPUBLICAN LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable JOHN A. BOEHNER, Republican Leader:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
 Washington, DC, March 3, 2009.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
 Speaker, House of Representatives,  
 Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: Pursuant to Section 333(a)(2) of the Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008 (P.L. 110-229), I am pleased to appoint Mr. Danny Vargas of Herndon, Virginia as a voting member of the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of the American Latino.

Dr. Aida Levitan of Key Biscayne, Florida and Mrs. Rosa J. Correa of Bridgeport, Connecticut were previously appointed and shall remain voting members.

Mr. Vargas has expressed interest in serving in this capacity and I am pleased to fulfill the request.

Sincerely,

JOHN A. BOEHNER,  
 Republican Leader.

## SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. POE of Texas addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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## NEVER AGAIN: WHAT WE DO DOES MATTER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Madam Speaker, a few weeks ago, I came to

this House floor to address my colleagues and bring to their attention the danger that Iran poses to Israel. I shared with my colleagues some of the things that the Iranian leader had said about Israel to illustrate the seriousness of the threat.

Madam Speaker, the Iranian President, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, has again spoken. Last week, at the opening day of the United Nations Anti-Racism Conference, the Iranian President was given a platform on which to spread racist and hateful views. In his address to the conference, he called Israel "the most cruel and racist regime," said that Zionism "is a paragon of racism," and said the creation of Israel was founded on "the pretext of Jewish sufferings and the ambiguous and dubious question of the Holocaust."

While the Iranian leader's comments are disturbing in any context, it is even more troublesome that he would question the Holocaust on the day before we celebrated the Holocaust Remembrance.

It is hard to understand how the United Nations and so many other countries fail to take the Iranian threat seriously. It is more than ironic that the U.N. would give one who has denied the Holocaust and advocated for the destruction of Israel the opportunity to speak at a conference convened to combat hatred and racism.

Although the United States and a few countries had the sense to boycott the summit and thereby refuse to lend credibility to the conference and speakers like Ahmadinejad, too many nations continue to act with complacency.

Last Thursday, our Nation's leaders gathered in our Rotunda here in the Capitol for the National Commemoration of the Day of Remembrance to remember the 6 million Jews who were murdered in the Holocaust. The theme of this year's events was, "Never Again: What You Do Matters." That theme is a message for all of us to take very seriously.

When we say "never again," we need to think about the current threats to peace and security and take appropriate action to prevent senseless violence. Iran's pursuit of nuclear weapons is an existential threat to the people of Israel and a grave danger to the rest of the world.

Madam Speaker, the things we do do matter. It is time for us to join together and confront this Iranian threat.

Today, Israel celebrates its 61st anniversary of its independence; again, a day in which we ought to remember the threat that still remains. Congress can take action to address this threat by approving H.R. 1327, the Iran Sanctions Enabling Act, and H.R. 1985, the Iran Diplomatic Enhancement Act.

The Iran Sanctions Enabling Act gives States and local governments the authority to divest their assets from any company that invests \$20 million

or more in Iran's energy sector. The other piece of legislation, H.R. 1985, would sanction any entity engaged in activities that contribute to Iran's ability to import gasoline or fine petroleum.

I am a sponsor of these bills, and I believe that sanctions will increase pressure on the Iranian regime to change course and abandon its pursuit of nuclear weapons.

The Days of Remembrance call us to soberly evaluate the changes to peace we face and take swift action as best we can to address them.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to quickly approve the Iran Sanctions Enabling Act and the Iran Diplomatic Enhancement Act. "Never again: What we do does matter."

## A KINDER, GENTLER MARXISM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CARTER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, recently I read an article by Gene Edward Veith entitled, "A Kinder, Gentler Marxism."

He begins his comments by saying, "Barack Obama is not a socialist, explained Eric Etheredge of The New York Times, he is a 'social democrat.'" The administration's attempt to control private companies and the free market should not alarm us, according to Etheredge and other pundits. European nations do this all the time. It is simply an application of the European political and economic theory known as "social democracy."

We were promised several things by our President during his campaign. He promised us government reform, a renewed and repaired economy, and more ethical business practices. And he did all this as we watched our economy crash.

After these 100 days in office, we need to illuminate the path that this administration is actually taking us down. It could be the path that leads us from limited government, that stimulates our economy naturally, to a government mostly aligned with social democracy like the social economies of Western Europe, with massive taxes and chronic high unemployment.

An objective definition of social democracy from Merriam-Webster's online dictionary is as follows: "A political movement advocating a gradual and peaceful transition from capitalism to socialism by democratic means." Or a second definition, "A democratic welfare state that incorporates both capitalist and socialist practices."

So this political and economic system either moves from capitalism to socialism or combines both capitalism and socialism to form a welfare state. We need to know more.

Here is the first paragraph from the Encyclopedia Britannica about social